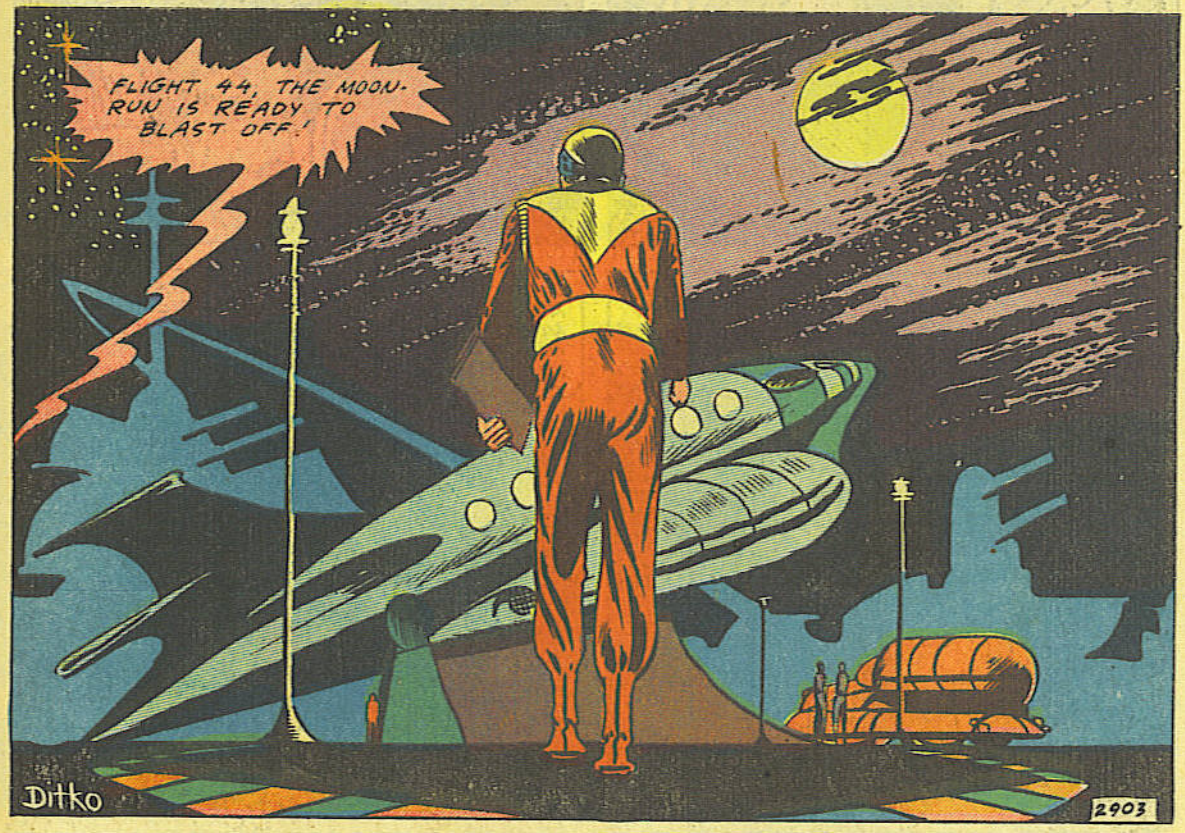

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"MOON-RUN!"

THIS IS A STORY OF THE FUTURE, THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND ALL THE FUTURES TO COME! FOR IN ALL AGES MAN HAS BEEN INTOLERANT OF ALL WHO ARE DIFFERENT! YOU WHO READ THIS STORY MUST ASK A QUESTION! YOUR ANSWER MAY CHANGE THE FUTURE AND ERASE THIS STORY FROM THE PAST!

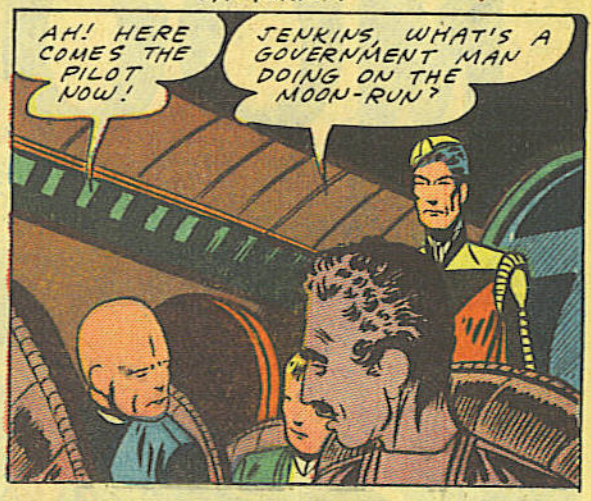








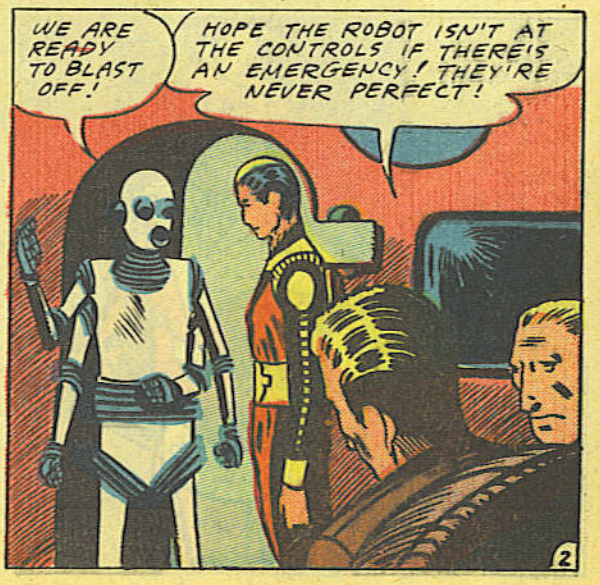
THE PASSENGERS WERE BUSINESS MEN MAKING THE RUN TO THE MOON ROBOT FACTORIES!



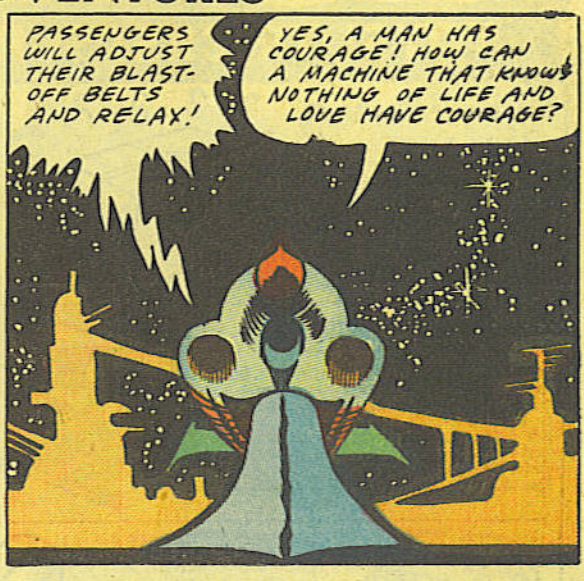


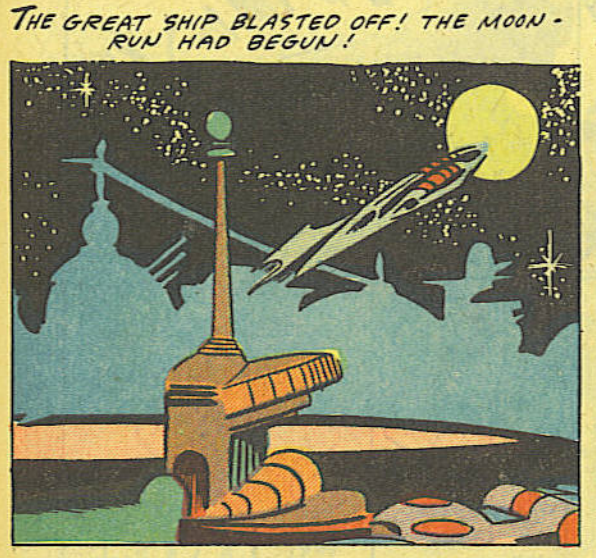




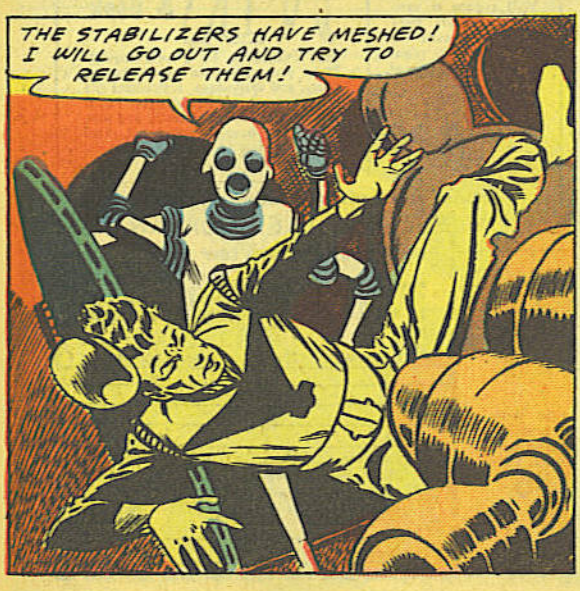



HE LISTENED TO THEIR TALK AS HE WENT INTO THE CONTROL CABIN!
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT? THEY'RE NOT HUMAN! NO EMOTIONS, NO FEELINGS!

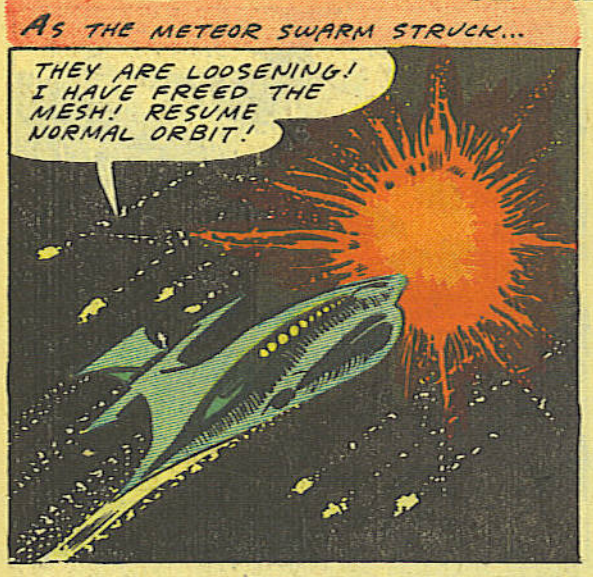

PASSENGERS WILL ADJUST THEIR BLAST-OFF BELTS AND RELAX!
YES, A MAN HAS COURAGE! HOW CAN A MACHINE THAT KNOWS NOTHING OF LIFE AND LOVE HAVE COURAGE?


THE GREAT SHIP BLASTED OFF! THE MOON-RUN HAD BEGUN!


AND IN THE CONTROLS CABIN, THE PILOT THOUGHT OF THE GIRL HE'D LEFT BEHIND!


THE STABILIZERS HAVE MESHED! I WILL GO OUT AND TRY TO RELEASE THEM!

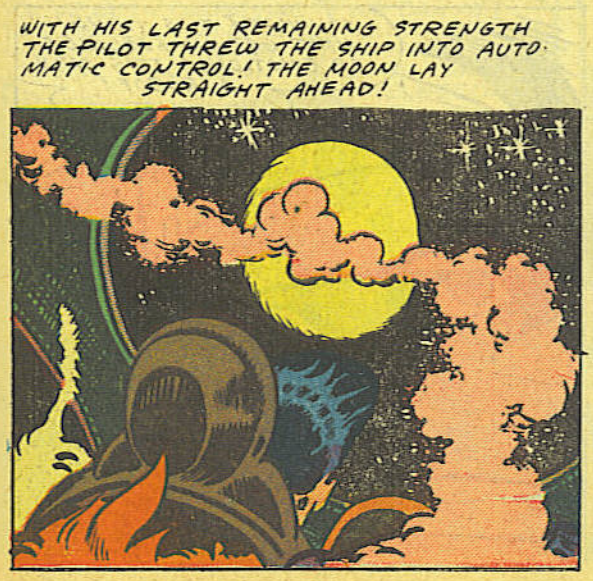

IF HE DOESN'T GET THOSE STABILIZERS RELEASED SOON WE'LL BURN... THE SHIP AND ALL OF US! WE'RE HEADING RIGHT INTO THE PATH OF METEOR SWARMS FROM THE SUN!

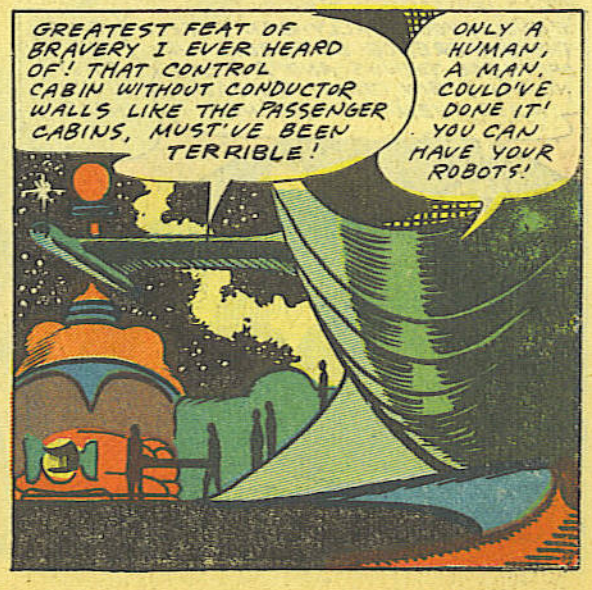

AS THE METEOR SWARM STRUCK...
THEY ARE LOOSENING! I HAVE FREED THE MESH! RESUME NORMAL ORBIT!

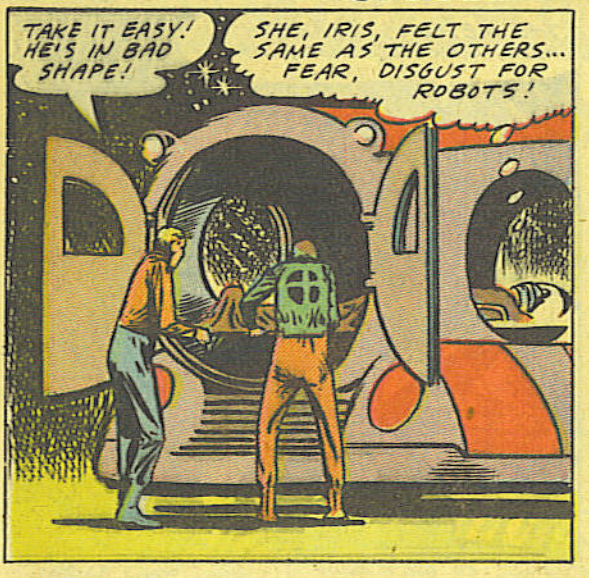

THE METEORS...THEY HIT HIM, CARRIED HIM AWAY!

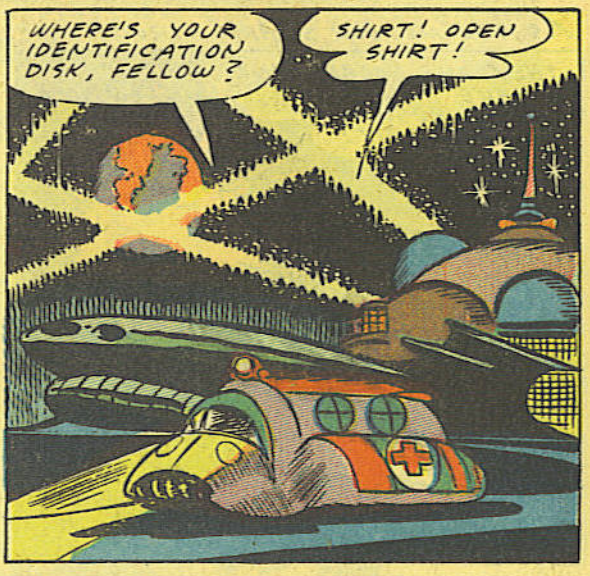

FIGHTING THE TERRIBLE PULL OF THE SUN, THE PILOT STRUGGLED WITH THE CONTROLS! HIS CLOTHING WAS SMOKING AND CHARRING...


SLOWLY THE SHIP SWUNG BACK TO IT'S PATH OF TRAVEL!

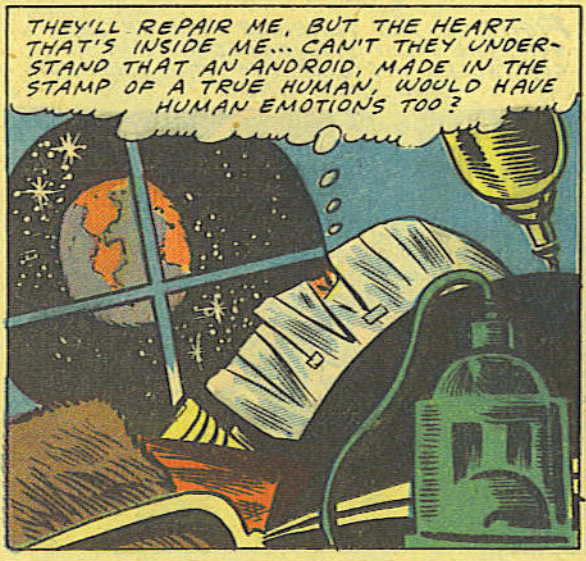

WITH HIS LAST REMAINING STRENGTH THE PILOT THREW THE SHIP INTO AUTOMATIC CONTROL! THE MOON LAY STRAIGHT AHEAD!


GREATEST FEAT OF BRAVERY I EVER HEARD OF! THAT CONTROL CABIN WITHOUT CONDUCTOR WALLS LIKE THE PASSENGER CABINS, MUST'VE BEEN TERRIBLE!
ONLY A HUMAN, A MAN, COULD'VE DONE IT! YOU CAN HAVE YOUR ROBOTS!


TAKE IT EASY! HE'S IN BAD SHAPE!
SHE, IRIS, FELT THE SAME AS THE OTHERS... FEAR, DISGUST FOR ROBOTS!


WHERE'S YOUR IDENTIFICATION DISK, FELLOW?
SHIRT! OPEN SHIRT!


WE'LL I'LL BE...! IT'S ONE OF THOSE NEW JOBS! HAD ME FOOLED! IT LOOKS HUMAN!
SHE NEVER KNEW AND IT'S BEST SHE NEVER WILL!

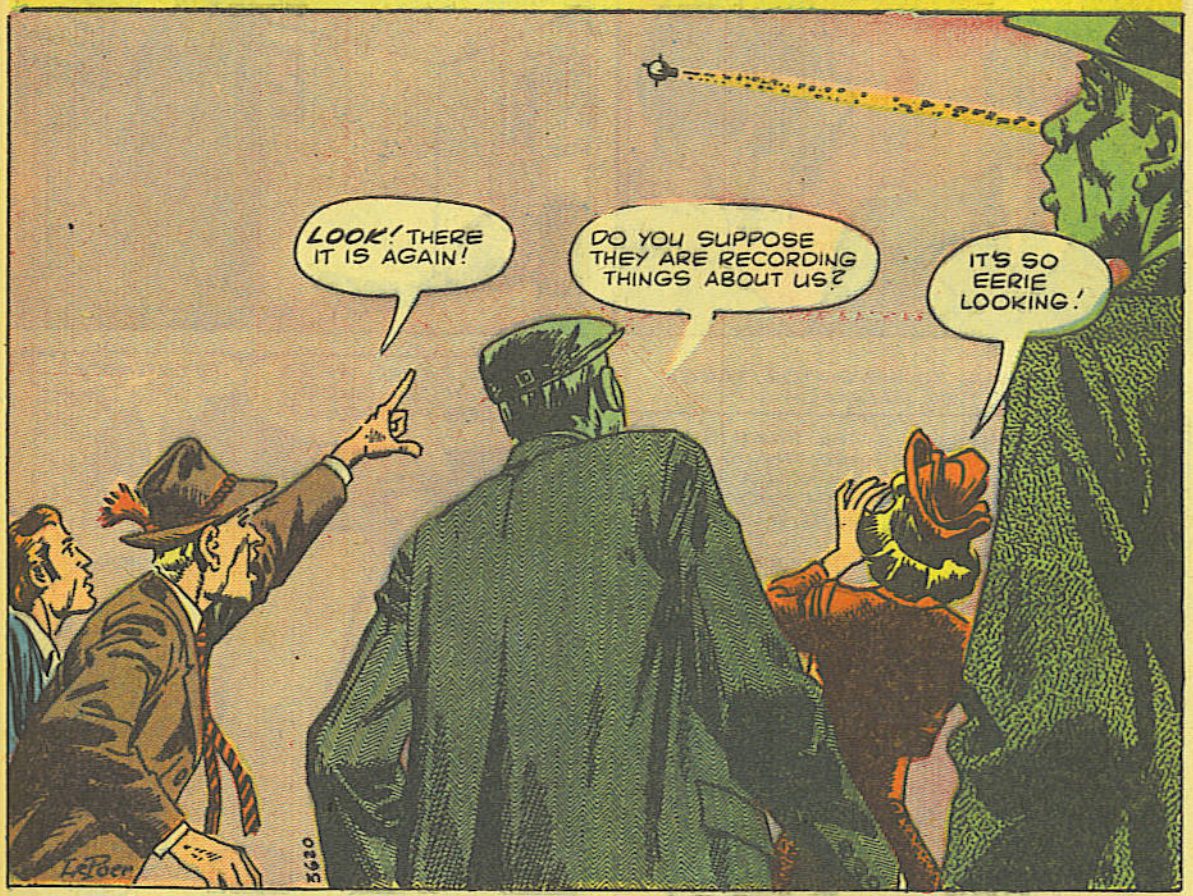

THEY'LL REPAIR ME, BUT THE HEART THAT'S INSIDE ME... CAN'T THEY UNDERSTAND THAT AN ANDROID, MADE IN THE STAMP OF A TRUE HUMAN, WOULD HAVE HUMAN EMOTIONS TOO?


Y'KNOW, YOU REALLY CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ONE OF THESE THINGS AND A REAL HUMAN? BOY, THEY'VE REALLY MADE THEM PERFECT NOW!
TAKE IT EASY! HE'LL HEAR YOU!


SO WHAT? THIS THING AIN'T GOT NO FEELINGS OR EMOTIONS! IT'S ONLY A ROBOT!
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IT CAME FLYING AROUND FOR DAYS NOW! THE SCIENTISTS WERE WORKING LIKE MAD TO FIND OUT THE EFFECTS OF THE OBJECT FROM...

OUT OF THIS WORLD



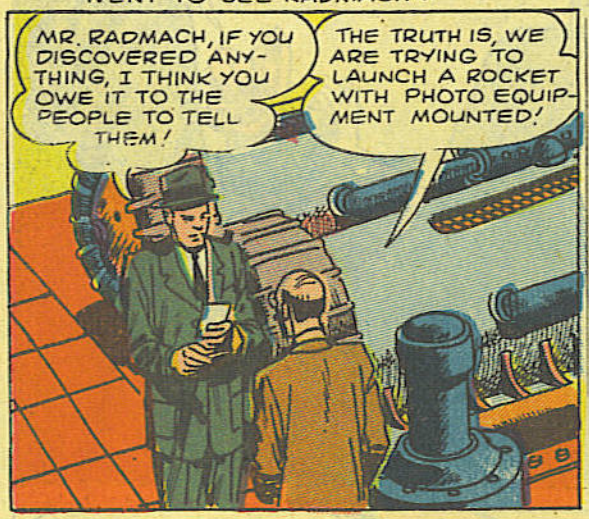








AFTER SPEAKING TO HIS EDITOR, YARGA WENT TO SEE RADMACH...



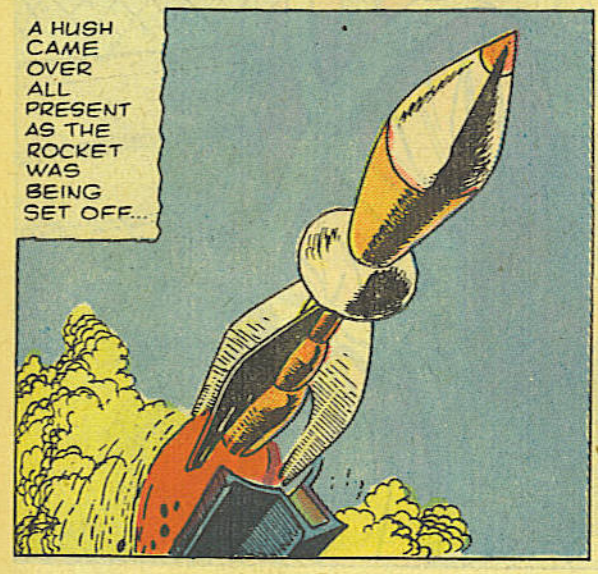














A FEW DAYS LATER, THE ROCKET LANDED...



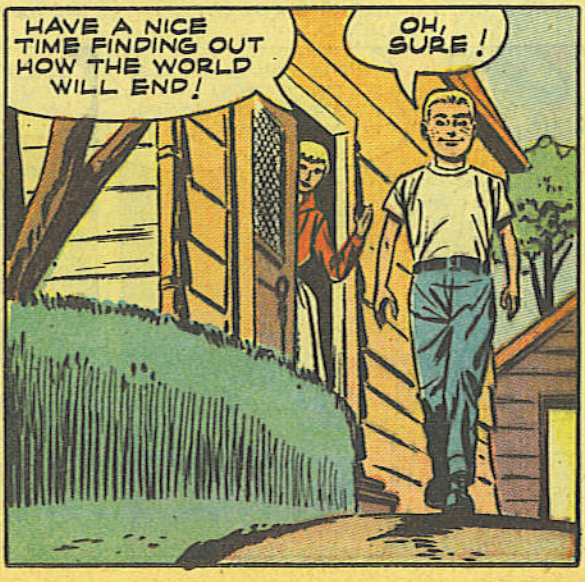
THE NEXT MORNING, THE REPORT TO THE PEOPLE CAME OUT FOR ALL TO SEE...



WORLD'S END


HOW WILL THE WORLD END, MOTHER?
WHO WANTS IT TO END, SON? WHAT A MORBID IDEA!
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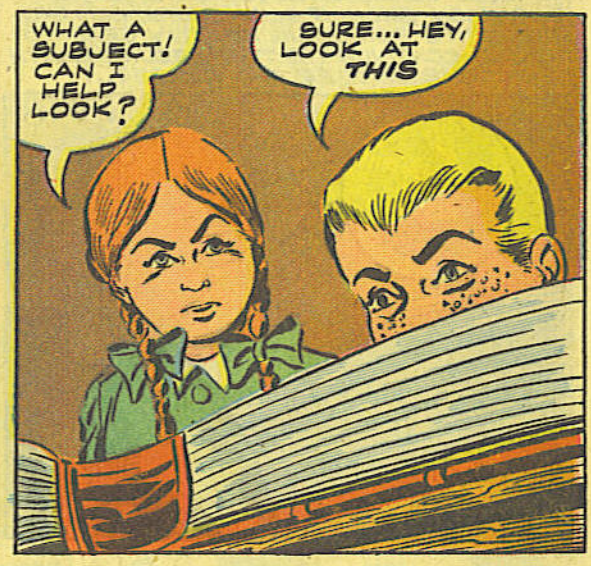

WELL I READ THAT IT MIGHT END SOME DAY!
I TELL YOU WHAT, JOHNNY... WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE LIBRARY AND DO SOME RESEARCH ON THE SUBJECT?


HAVE A NICE TIME FINDING OUT HOW THE WORLD WILL END!
OH, SURE!

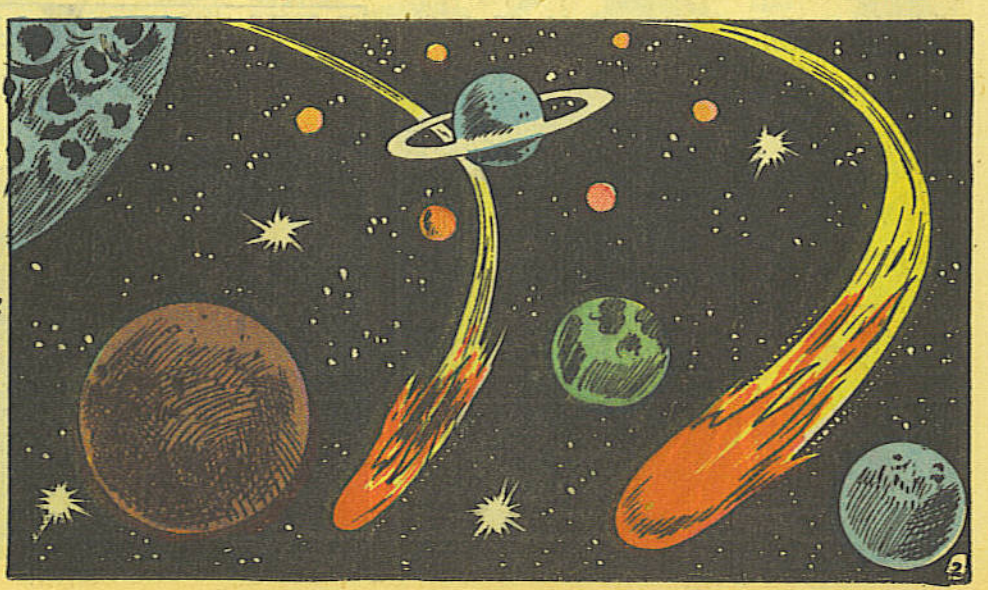


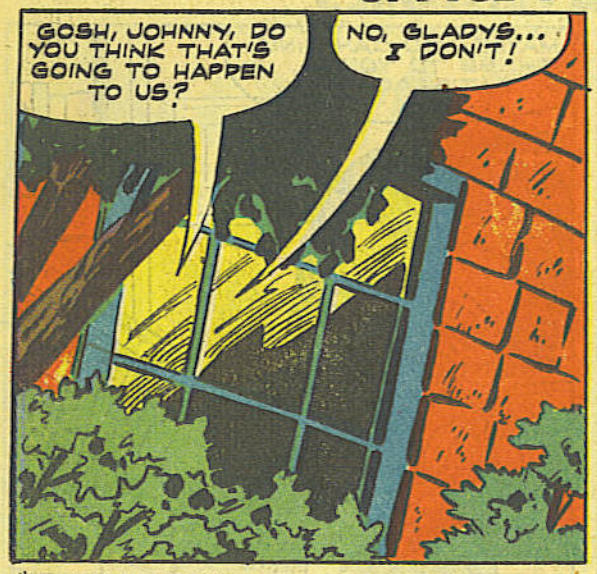






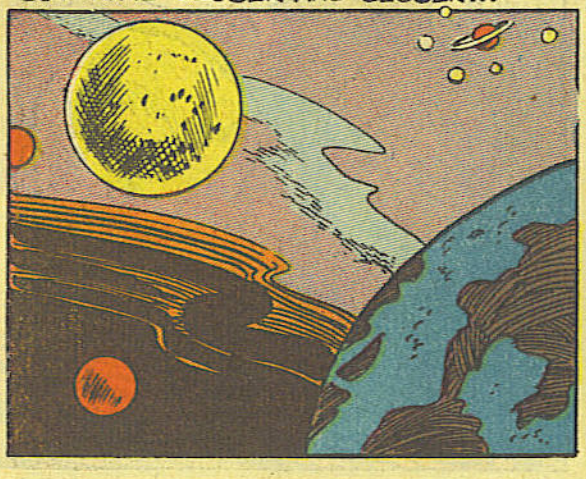
"SOME AUTHORITIES BELIEVE IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT THE EARTH COULD BE ENGULFED AND PEPPERED BY THE BILLIONS OF PARTICLES IF A COMET SHOULD ENTER THE SOLAR SYSTEM! THIS COULD SPELL DOOM FOR THE EARTH AS WELL AS THE OTHER PLANETS..."



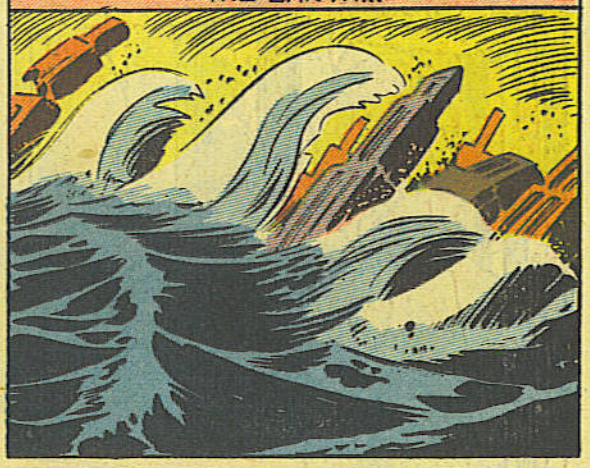




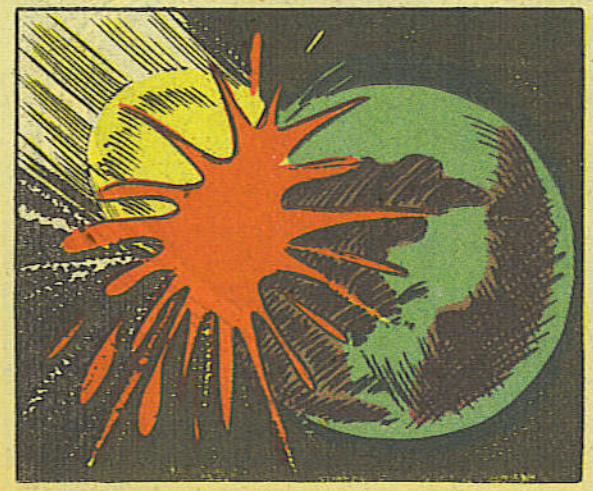
"IT WOULD BE DISASTROUS FOR EARTH IF THE MOON SHOULD SLOW DOWN! GRIPPED IN EARTH'S POWERFUL GRAVITY GRASP, IT WOULD CONTINUE ITS TRIP AROUND EARTH BUT COME CLOSER AND CLOSER..."

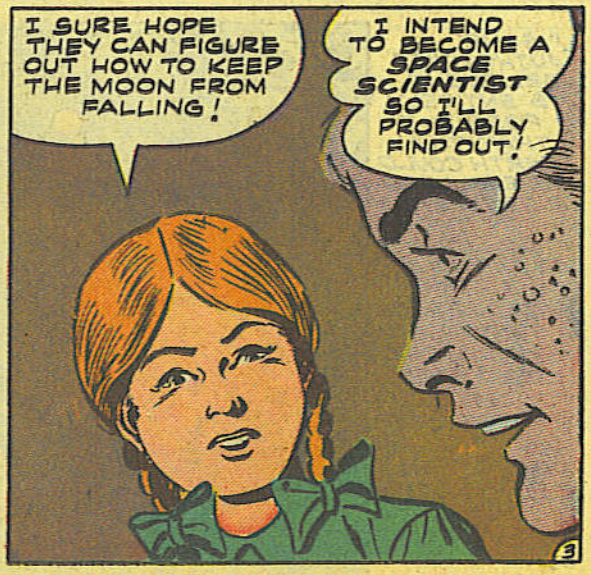


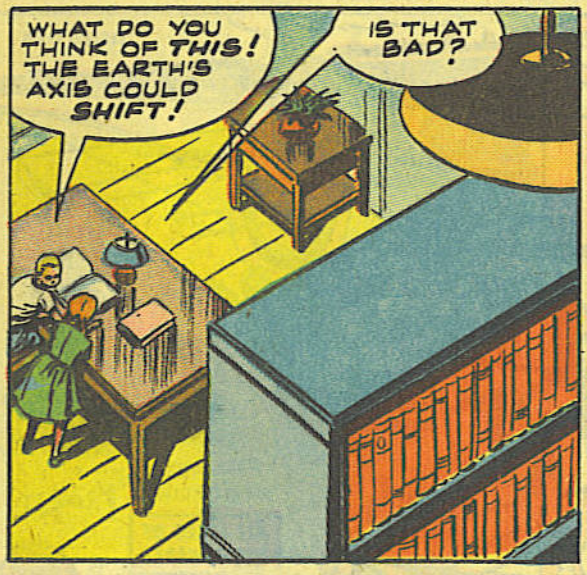
"TIDES WILL INCREASE AS THE GREAT MOON MASS WOULD EXERT ITS OWN GRAVITY POWERS ON THE WATERS OF THE EARTH..."

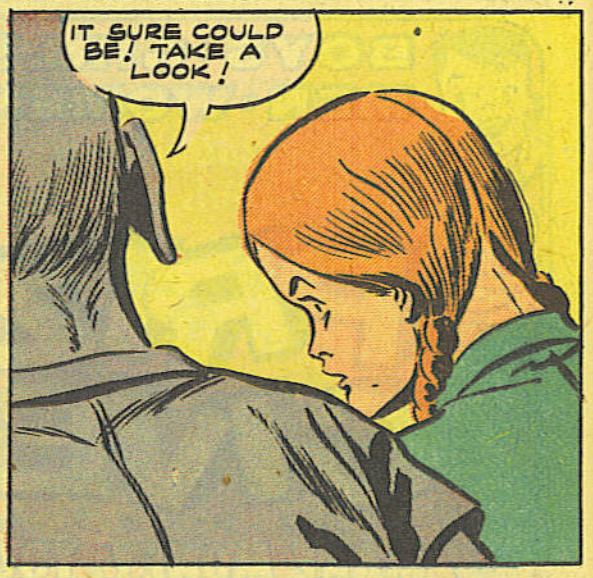


"FINALLY AS THE MOON CRASHES, BOTH BODIES WOULD BE DRIVEN APART BY THE IMPACT..."

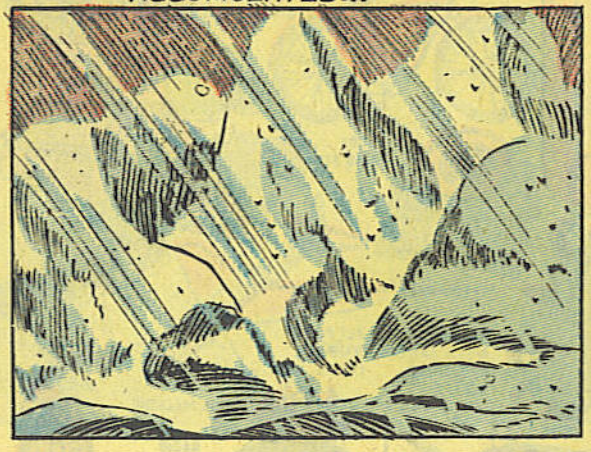




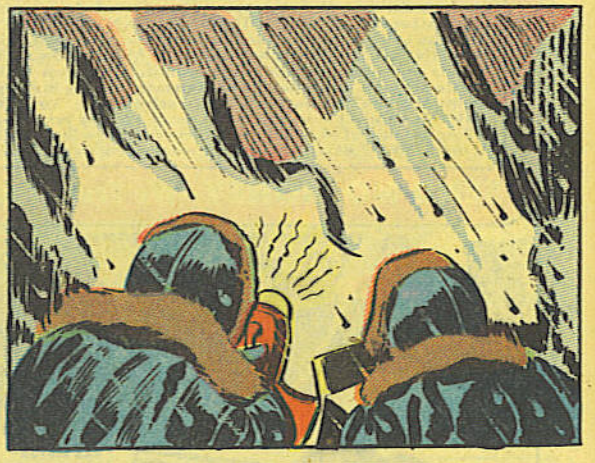




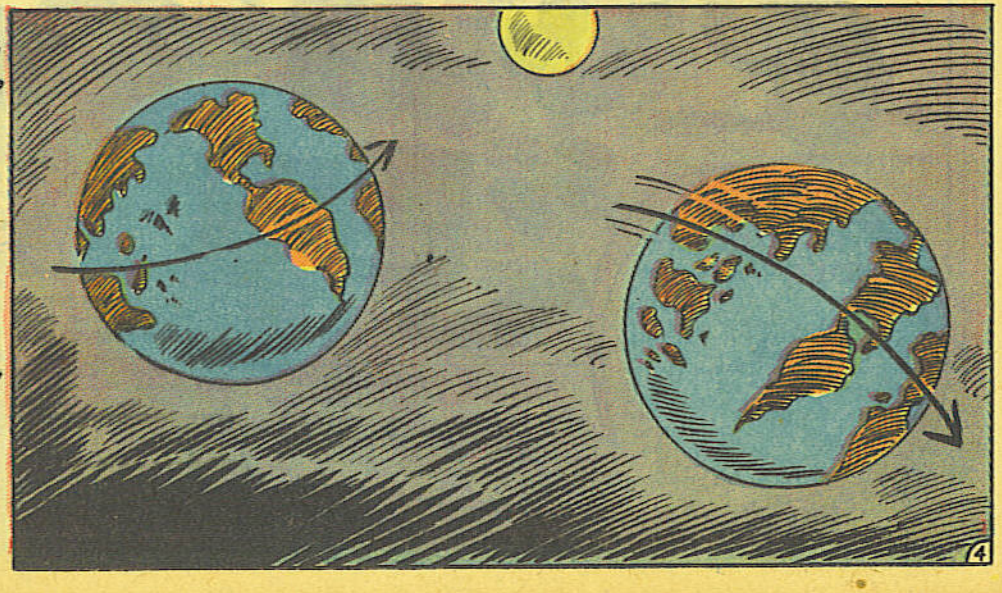
"THROUGH THE CENTURIES, THE ICE CAPS AT THE NORTH AND SOUTH POLES ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY THICKER AS MORE AND MORE SNOW AND ICE ACCUMULATES..."

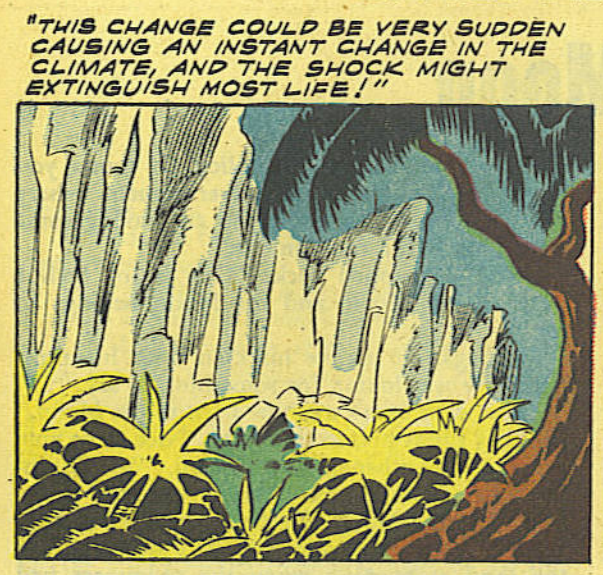


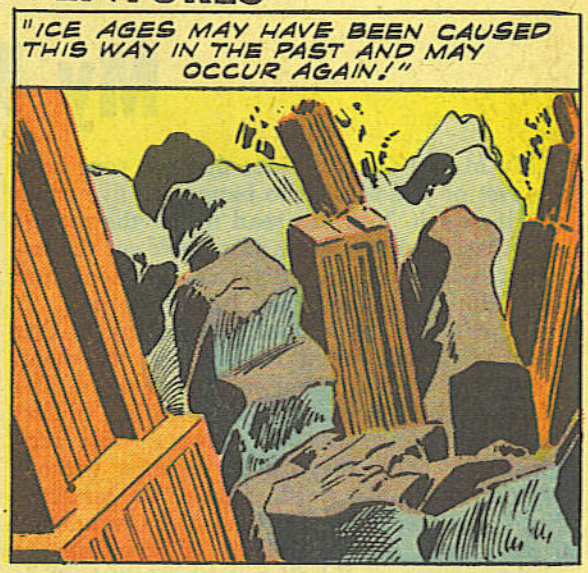
"SCIENTISTS HAVE DETERMINED THAT THE ICE HAS PILED UP IN PLACES WELL OVER A MILE IN THICKNESS!"

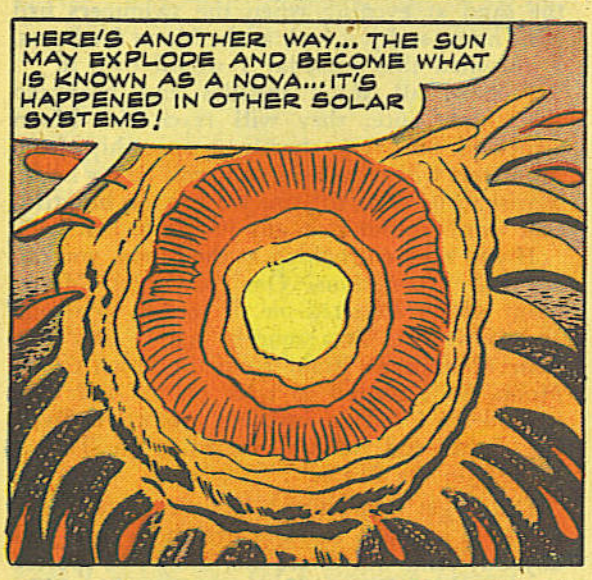


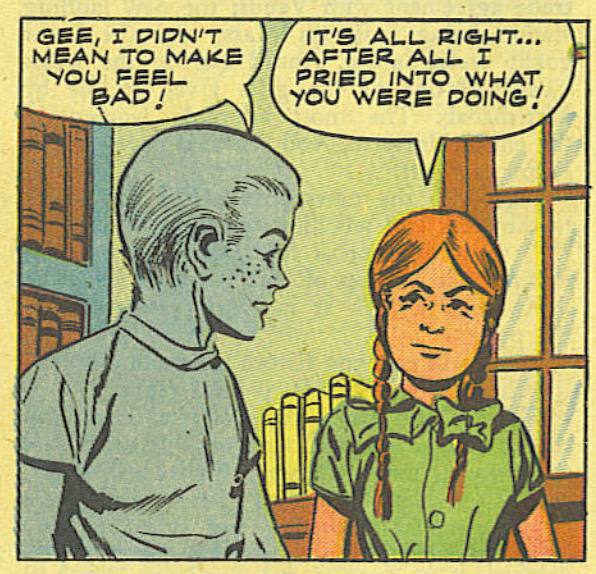
"THE TREMENDOUS WEIGHTS BUILDING UP THROUGH THE CENTURIES MAY CAUSE AN IMBALANCE THAT WILL TIP THE WORLD OVER CAUSING TWO NEW POLES TO APPEAR..."




"THIS CHANGE COULD BE VERY SUDDEN CAUSING AN INSTANT CHANGE IN THE CLIMATE, AND THE SHOCK MIGHT EXTINGUISH MOST LIFE!"

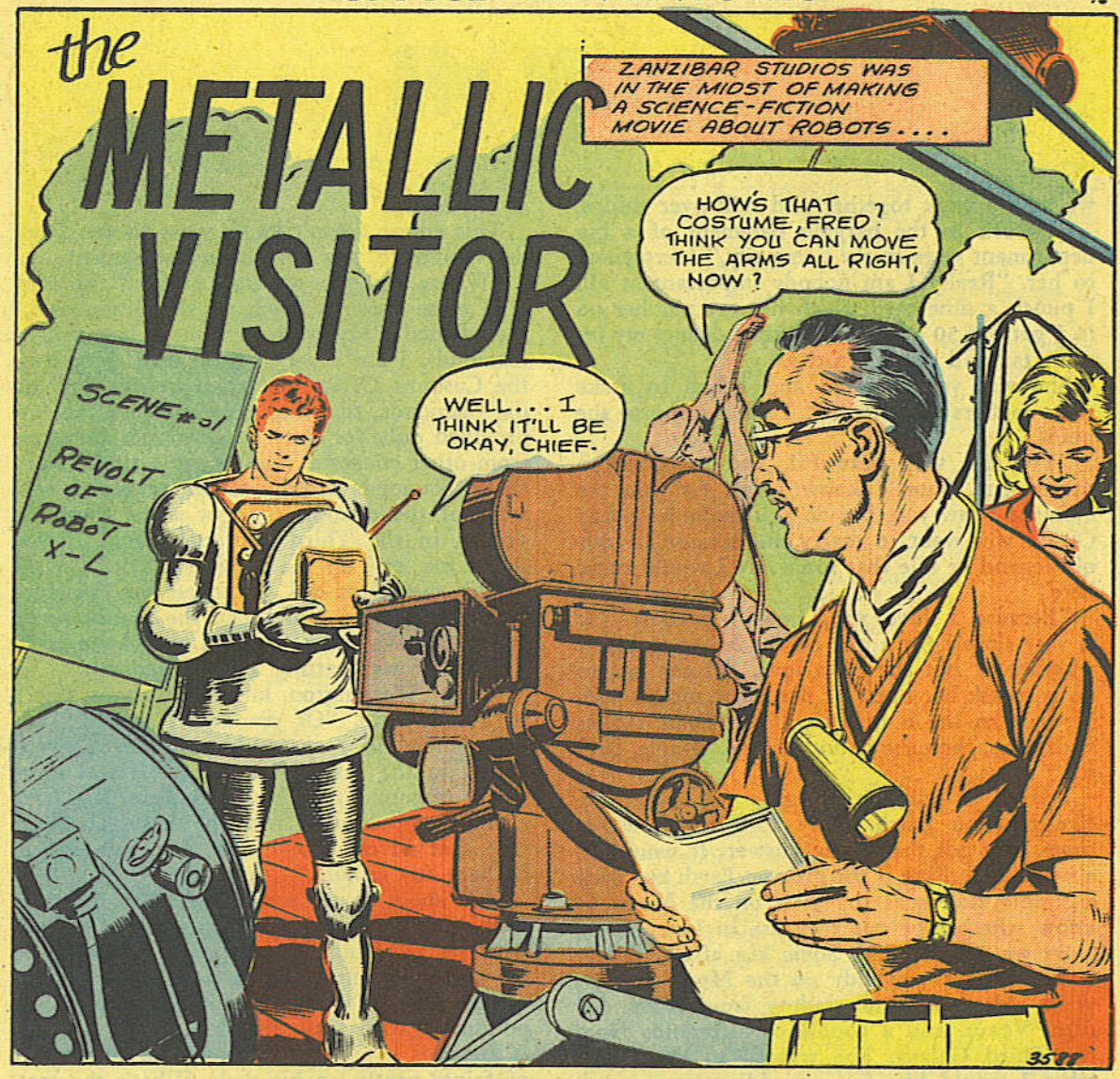

"ICE AGES MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED THIS WAY IN THE PAST AND MAY OCCUR AGAIN!"


HERE'S ANOTHER WAY... THE SUN MAY EXPLODE AND BECOME WHAT IS KNOWN AS A NOVA... IT'S HAPPENED IN OTHER SOLAR SYSTEMS!


GEE, I DIDN'T MEAN TO MAKE YOU FEEL BAD!
IT'S ALL RIGHT... AFTER ALL I PRIED INTO WHAT YOU WERE DOING!


WELL! TELL ME, DID YOU FIND OUT HOW THE WORLD WILL END?


GEE, COULD I TELL YOU LATER? RIGHT NOW, I'M GOING TO THE ZOO WITH MY NEW GIRL FRIEND, GLADYS!

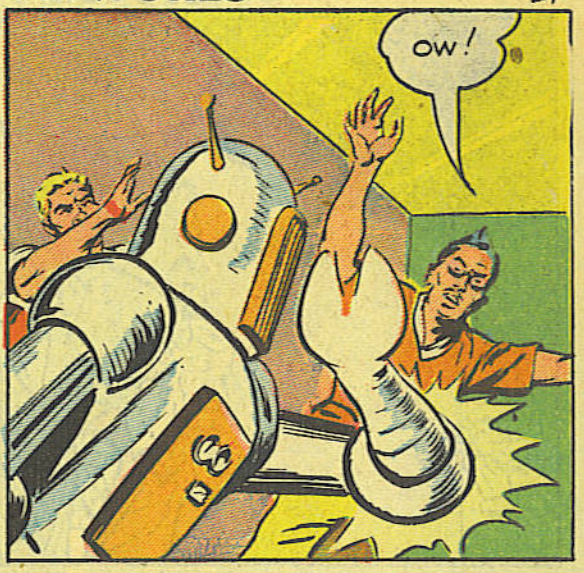

the METALLIC VISITOR
ZANZIBAR STUDIOS WAS IN THE MIDST OF MAKING A SCIENCE-FICTION MOVIE ABOUT ROBOTS....
HOW'S THAT COSTUME, FRED? THINK YOU CAN MOVE THE ARMS ALL RIGHT, NOW?
WELL... I THINK IT'LL BE OKAY, CHIEF.
SCENE #1 REVOLT OF ROBOT X-L
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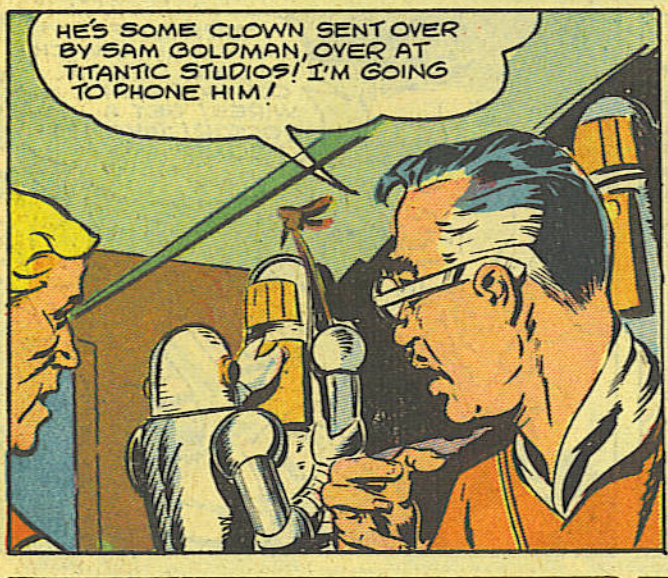

DON'T ANYBODY WANDER OFF THE SET, NOW... WE'RE SHOOTING IN FIVE MINUTES.
CHECK.
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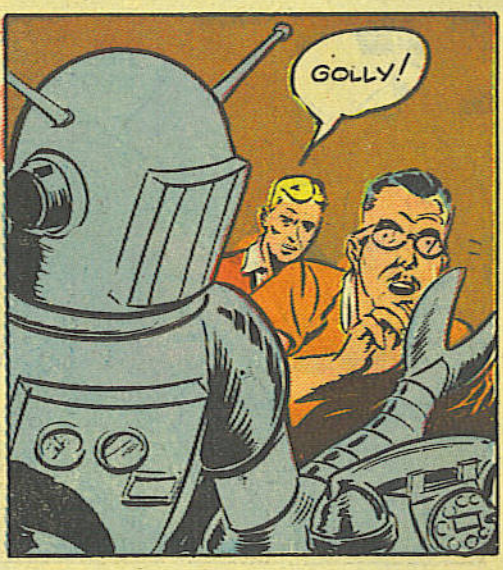

WARDROBE
YOU GOT ALL THOSE ROBOT OUTFITS OILED IN THERE, JACK?
ALL SET FOR THE NEXT SCENE THIS AFTER-NOON, CHIEF.


NOW WHAT?
MY SHOULDER IS SORE UNDER THIS WEIGHT. I'LL NEED SOME PADDING FROM JACK.
MORE DELAYS! ALL RIGHT, FRED, LET'S GO IN THERE.
HEY, JACK, FIX FRED UP WITH SOME PADDING FOR HIS SHOULDER, AND PLEASE, HURRY!
SURE!
THAT FEELS GOOD.
YOU SURE? I'LL... HEY! WHO'S THAT?
HEY, YOU! NO EXTRAS ALLOWED IN HERE TILL THIS AFTERNOON!

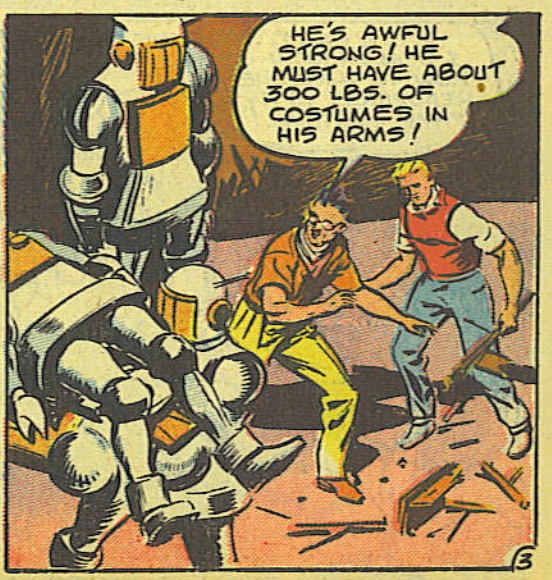

GET OUT OF HERE!
IT'S A STRICT RULE THAT WE HAVE NO VISITORS IN HERE!


OW!


HE'S SOME CLOWN SENT OVER BY SAM GOLDMAN, OVER AT TITANTIC STUDIOS! I'M GOING TO PHONE HIM!


GOLLY!


HIT HIM! KNOCK HIM DOWN!


HE'S AWFUL STRONG! HE MUST HAVE ABOUT 300 LBS. OF COSTUMES IN HIS ARMS!
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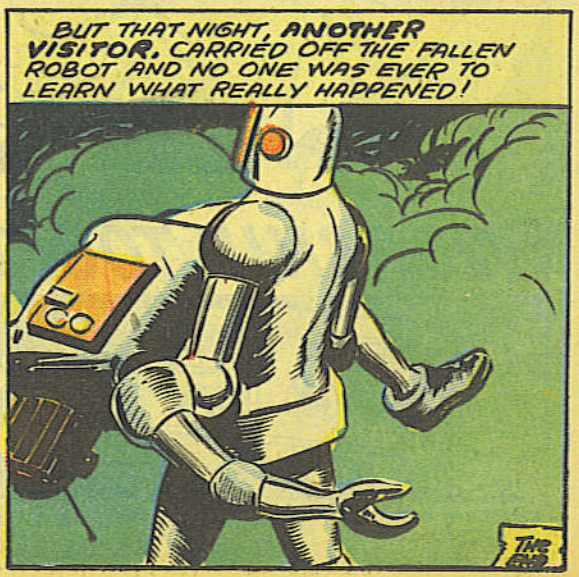

HEY, HE'S STEALING OUR COSTUMES! STOP HIM!
DANGER HIGH VOLTAGE
HE'S... HE'S BEEN SHOCKED!
TURN OFF THE MAIN SWITCH, IN CASE HE'S IN CONTACT WITH WIRES! GET A DOCTOR! TAKE HIS HELMET OFF!
I... I CAN'T.. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TAKE THE HEADPIECE OFF THIS COSTUME!
HE'S TRYING TO TALK.
HE SAYS... NEED PART...
DARTS... NEED PART... ...NEED PART....


NEED PART, EH? IF YOU WANTED A PART IN THE MOVIE YOU SHOULD TRY THE CASTING OFFICE! THE ONLY PART YOU'LL GET IF YOU LIVE IS IN JAIL!
PLEASE, CHIEF, TAKE IT EASY! HE'S NOT GOING TO BE WITH US... ...HERE'S, THE DOCTOR!

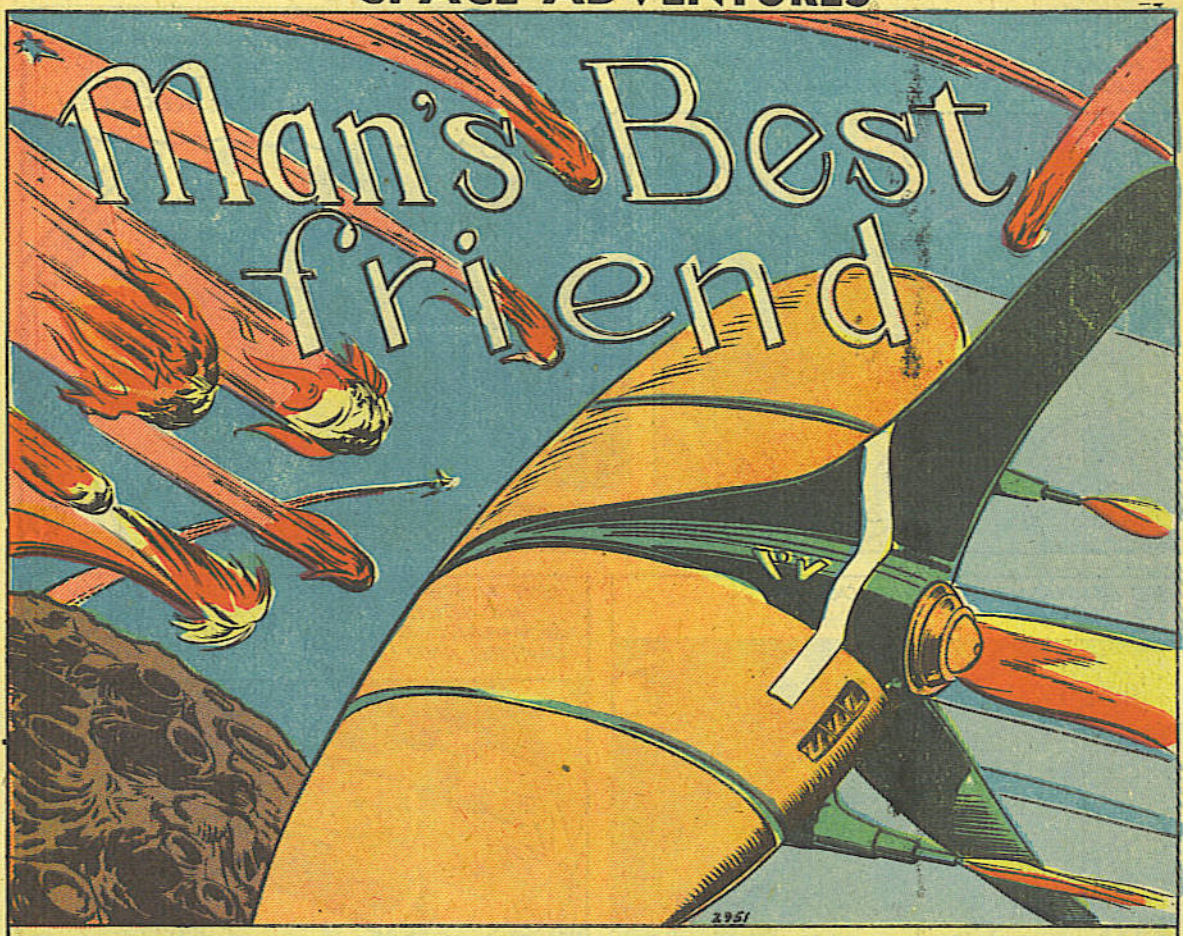

INCREDIBLE! THIS IS NOT A MAN! IT'S A REAL ROBOT!
WHAT!


THE STARTLING EVENT WAS BELIEVED BY THE REST OF THE WORLD TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN A PUBLICITY STUNT FOR THE FORTHCOMING SCIENCE-FICTION FILM....
WHAT THEY WON'T THINK UP!
STAR BUGLE
REAL ROBOT VISITS STUDIO MAKING ROBOT PICTURE!


I WONDER IF HE CAN BE REPAIRED?
PERHAPS, WELL GET THE BEST ELECTRONICS EXPERTS IN ON THIS!

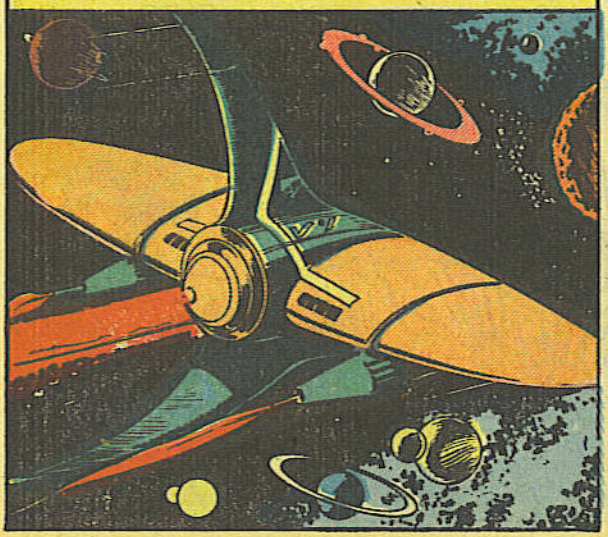

BUT THAT NIGHT, ANOTHER VISITOR, CARRIED OFF THE FALLEN ROBOT AND NO ONE WAS EVER TO LEARN WHAT REALLY HAPPENED!
THE END

Man's Best friend

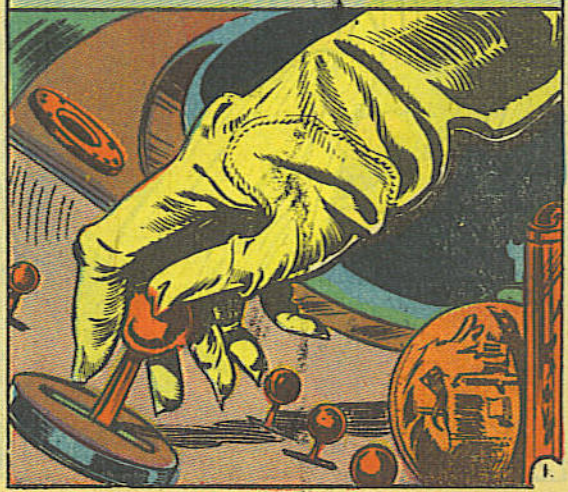


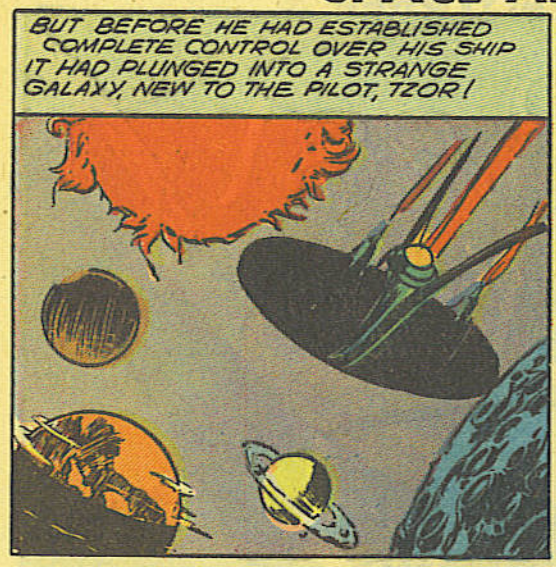
FAR OUT IN THE UMITLESS STERILITY OF SPACE THE ALIEN SHIP RAN INTO A METEOR SWARM! SO OUT THERE IN THE UNIMAGINABLE VASTNESS OF INTERSTELLAR SPACE BEGAN THE STRANGE CHAIN OF EVENTS WHICH LED TO THE FIRST ALIEN VISITATION TO EARTH... AND A FINGER THAT REACHED TOWARD A BUTTON... A BUTTON THAT COULD DESTROY ALL LIFE ON THIS, OUR PLANET EARTH!

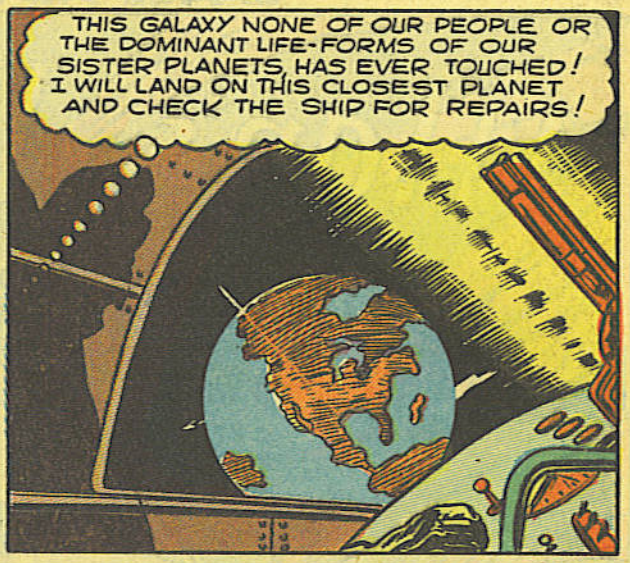
THE SHIP PLUNGED THROUGH SPACE, OUT OF CONTROL!

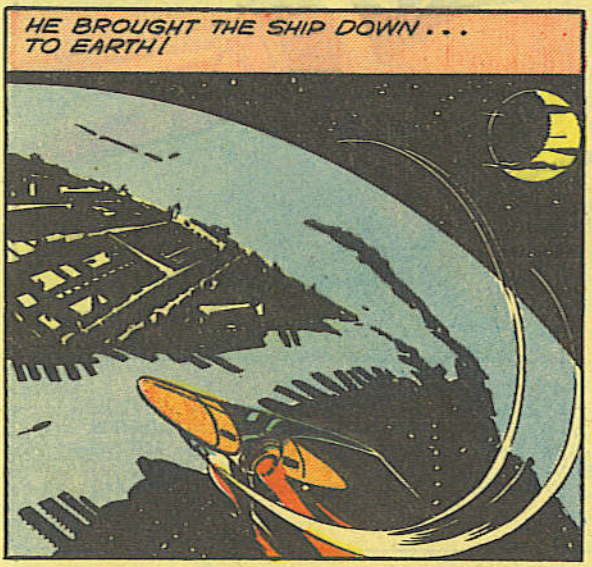


BUT THE ALIEN PILOT WAS POSSESSED OF A CALM, QUICK MENTALITY! HE MANIPULATED THE CONTROLS WITH QUIET DEXTERITY!




BUT BEFORE HE HAD ESTABLISHED COMPLETE CONTROL OVER HIS SHIP IT HAD PLUNGED INTO A STRANGE GALAXY, NEW TO THE PILOT, TZOR!


THIS GALAXY NONE OF OUR PEOPLE OR THE DOMINANT LIFE-FORMS OF OUR SISTER PLANETS, HAS EVER TOUCHED! I WILL LAND ON THIS CLOSEST PLANET AND CHECK THE SHIP FOR REPAIRS!


HE BROUGHT THE SHIP DOWN . . . TO EARTH!


BUT HIS GRAVITY METER HAD BEEN INJURED IN THE METEOR BOMBARDMENT AND HE MISCALCULATED AND LANDED HARD!


THE PORT SPRUNG OPEN AND THE PILOT WAS HURLED FROM THE SHIP. . .


STUNNED, HE LAY THERE, UNTIL HIS SENSES WARNED HIM OF IMMINENT DANGER! A MONSTROUS, HORNED CREATURE, EMANATING EVIL FURY, THUNDERED TOWARD HIM!

HE TRIED TO RISE, TO SEEK THE SHELTER OF HIS SHIP! BUT HIS SENSES REELED AND HE KNEW HE COULD NEVER REACH IT!

NEVER DID I THINK TO FIND DEATH ON A STRANGE PLANET!

HE UNWOUND HIS TENTACLES TO AUGUMENT THE STRENGTH OF HIS HANDS, TO FIGHT AS LONG AS HE COULD, EVEN THOUGH HOPELESSLY. WHEN SUDDENLY A NEW ELEMENT ENTERED THE SCENE!

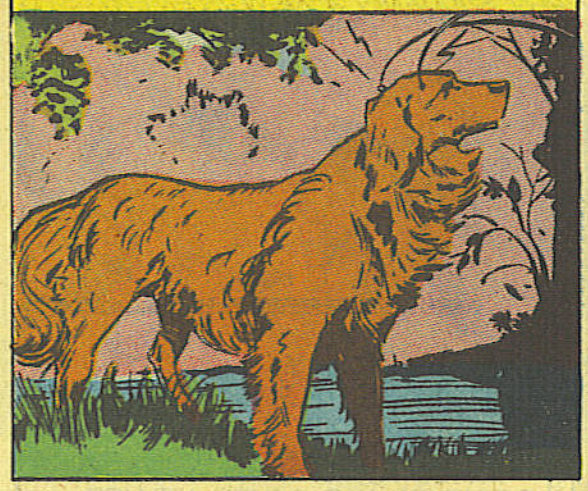
THE BULL WAS TURNED AND RACED AWAY! THIS FURRY CREATURE HAD SAVED HIS LIFE. THE CREATURE TROTTED TO HIM! HE SENSED HIS FRIENDLINESS!

I WONDER IF THIS CAN BE THE DOMINANT, INTELLIGENT LIFE-FORM ON THIS PLANET! IT'S FRIENDLINESS WOULD MAKE IT SEEM SO!

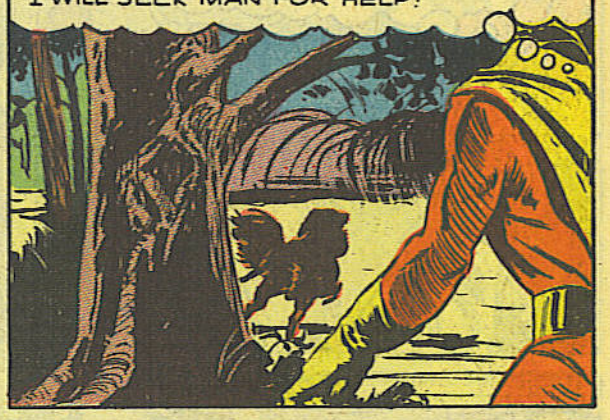
THIS THOUGHT OF TZOR'S WAS PATTERNED BY EXPERIENCE. FOR IN THE FAR STAR CLUSTER FROM WHICH HE CAME ALL LIFE FORMS, NO MATTER HOW DIFFERENT, WERE FRIENDLY AND GAVE AID TO EACH OTHER!

I WILL PROBE ITS BRAIN FOR I MUST FIND THE DOMINANT LIFE-FORM TO GET HELP IN REPAIRING THE SHIP! TO ATTEMPT IT ALONE WOULD TAKE MUCH TIME!

UNSEEN MIND TENTACLES REACHED OUT TO THE DOG, READING THE BRAIN CONTENTS OF EXPERIENCE, SENSES, REMEMBRANCE!

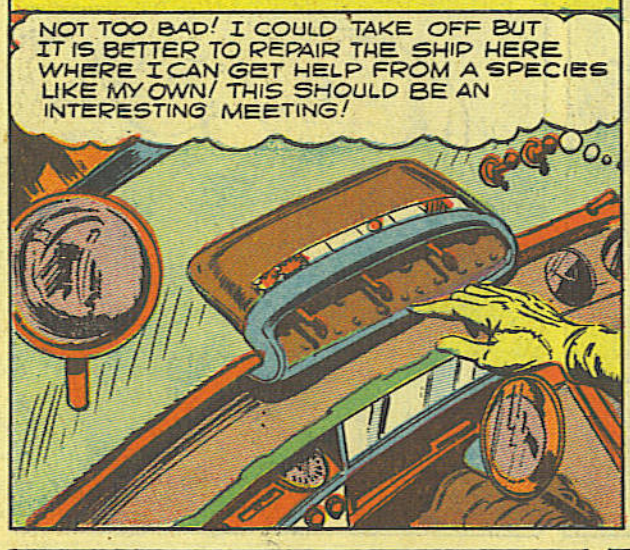


NO, THIS CREATURE IS COMPANION AND SERVANT TO THE DOMINANT SPECIES. THIS CREATURE IS A "DOG", THE DOMINANT LIFE FORM IS "MAN", HUMANOID, BIPED, FROM THE DOG'S BRAIN PICTURES VERY MUCH LIKE ME AND MY SPECIES! GOOD! I WILL SEEK "MAN" FOR HELP!



HE EXAMINED HIS SHIP TO ESTIMATE THE EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE!

NOT TOO BAD! I COULD TAKE OFF BUT IT IS BETTER TO REPAIR THE SHIP HERE WHERE I CAN GET HELP FROM A SPECIES LIKE MY OWN! THIS SHOULD BE AN INTERESTING MEETING!



SOMETHING WARM AND WET TOUCHED HIS HAND! HE LOOKED DOWN! THE DOG!

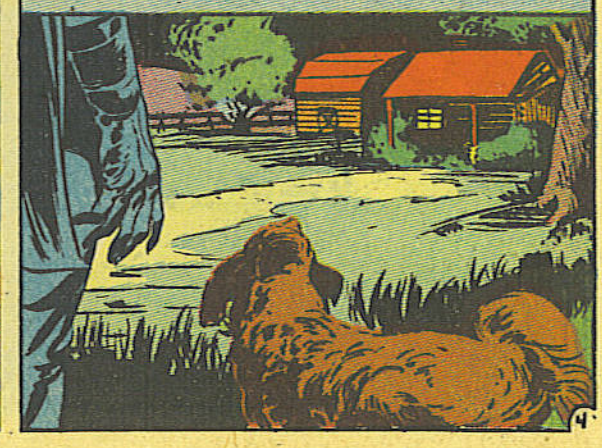
A FRIENDLY, SWEET CREATURE! I FEEL A STRANGE ATTRACTION TOWARD IT! FROM WHAT ITS MENTALITY TOLD ME THERE IS NO CREATURE LIKE IT ON MY PLANET AND NO ASSOCIATION SUCH AS EXISTS BETWEEN IT AND MAN ON ANY PLANET I HAVE YET LANDED UPON!



YES, THIS "DOG" IS A WONDERFUL CREATURE EMBODYING ALL THE VIRTUES IN PURE FORM! TO EARN THE LOVE OF SUCH A CREATURE, "MAN" MUST BE INDEED A FINE AND NOBLE SPECIES! SOON I WILL SEE!



HE WALKED THROUGH THE NIGHT, THROUGH THE FIELDS OF A FARM AND TOWARD THE LIGHTS OF THE FARMHOUSE, "MAN'S" DWELLING, AHEAD!



THE DOOR OF THE HOUSE WAS RATHER SMALL IN COMPARISON TO HIS BULK! HE MADE THE CHIRPING SOUND WHICH POLITELY SIGNALLED A VISIT ON HIS PLANET, AND OPENED THE DOOR!

THAT YOU, AMOS?

HE WHISTLED HIS GREETING AND PARDONS QUIETLY IN HIS OWN TONGUE! AND THEN THE WOMAN.

SCREAMED!!

THE WOMAN CRUMPLED TO THE FLOOR! HE SENSED THE ABYSMAL FEAR, LIKE AN AURA, SURROUNDING THE TINY WOMAN! FOOTSTEPS BEAT A RAPID TATTOO FROM AN INNER ROOM...

MINNIE, WHAT IN THE LAND SAKES IS... OH, MY G...!

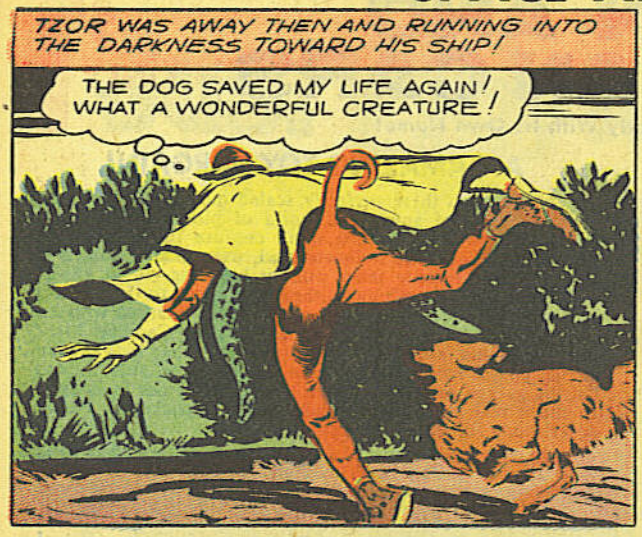
HATE ROSE IN THE ROOM, MINGLED WITH FEAR! DANGER SWIRLED LIKE SMOKE! TZOR TURNED TO LEAVE QUICKLY FOR HE KNEW IN THAT MOMENT THAT DEATH WAS NOT FAR AWAY!

YOU HORRIBLE, GIANT THING...

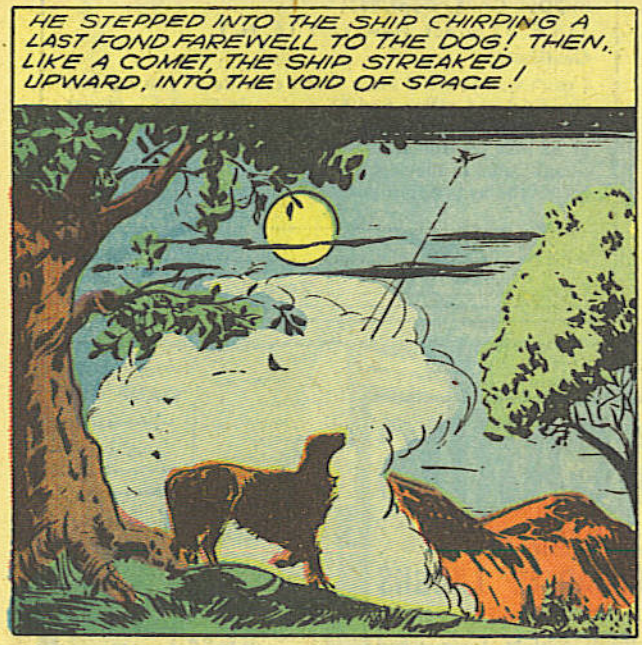
HE KNEW TOO THAT THE WEAPON THE "MAN" HELD WOULD CUT HIM DOWN BEFORE HE COULD GET AWAY BUT... AGAIN THE DOG INTERVENED!

CONSARNED DOG...!

BLAAM!


TZOR WAS AWAY THEN AND RUNNING INTO THE DARKNESS TOWARD HIS SHIP!
THE DOG SAVED MY LIFE AGAIN! WHAT A WONDERFUL CREATURE!


HE REACHED HIS SHIP! HE MUST TAKE OFF IMMEDIATELY. . . YET HE HESITATED, FOR IN HIM HAD BEEN BORN A GREAT LOVE FOR THIS CREATURE CALLED "DOG"
I MUST GO QUICKLY FOR THE "MAN" WILL AROUSE OTHERS AGAINST ME AND THEY WILL BEGIN THE HUNT! I WISH I COULD TAKE YOU WITH ME!


HE STEPPED INTO THE SHIP CHIRPING A LAST FOND FAREWELL TO THE DOG! THEN, LIKE A COMET, THE SHIP STREAKED UPWARD, INTO THE VOID OF SPACE!


HE WOULD FIND ANOTHER PLANET ON WHICH TO LAND AND MAKE REPAIRS! BUT FIRST HE HAD A JOB TO DO!
"MAN" IS A SAVAGE, UNBALANCED, MERCILOUS CREATURE! IF THEY EVER ATTAIN TO SPACE IT WILL BE VERY BAD FOR OTHER PLANETARY LIFE FORMS FOR MAN CANNOT UNDERSTAND! I SHALL DESTROY EARTH AND ELIMINATE THIS MENACE.


HIS FINGER REACHED FOR THE BUTTON WHICH WOULD RELEASE THE ATOM-CORE RAY AND SET UP A CHAIN REACTION ON EARTH WHICH WOULD DESTROY ALL LIFE! BUT THE FINGER HESITATED . . .
BUT, IF I DID, IT WOULD ALSO DESTROY THE DOGS ON EARTH, SUCH FINE AND NOBLE CREATURES! THEY MUST NOT BE DESTROYED!


NO, I SHALL LEAVE "MAN" TO HIS DESTINY! PERHAPS HE WILL LEARN FROM THE "DOG"! FOR THE "DOG" BY HIS EXAMPLE COULD INSTRUCT "MAN" IN FINENESS AND TOLERANCE! YES, THE "DOG" COULD BECOME "MAN'S" BEST FRIEND!
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